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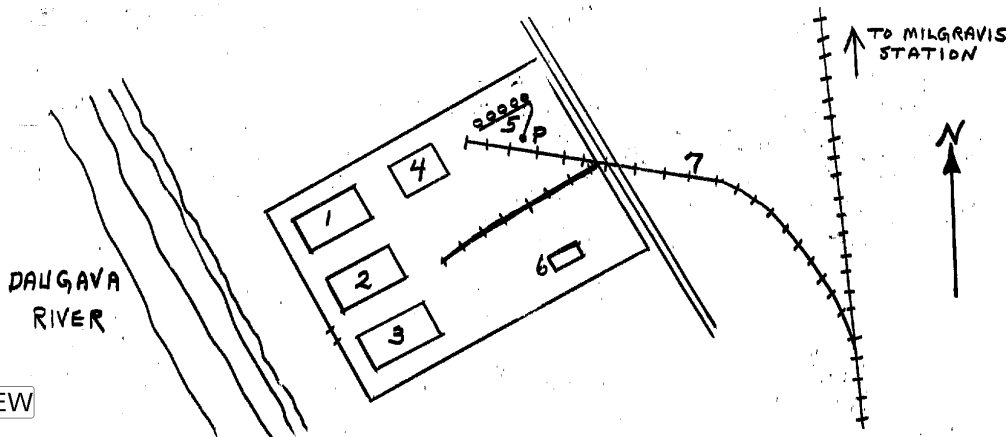
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Degviela Oil Refinery

- The refinery is located in the north part of Riga, close to the bank of the Daugava, as shown on the attached sketch map of North Riga. It stands on the site of the former Oelricha Mineralfabrika. Refining of crude petroleum and the regeneration of used oil is carried out by a total of about 160 personnel, of whom about 130 were Latvians and 30 German PWs. The manager was a Soviet captain, name unknown. The refinery worked two shifts. Both petroleum and used oil arrived by water, and a train of 14-16 tank cars left the refinery every other day for an unknown destination. The refinery was surrounded by a wooden fence and the workers were supervised by Soviet guards. Supervision was slack and there were no sentries at the entrances. The refinery occupies a rectangular area of approximately 125 x 75 meters, the shorter sides being parallel to the Daugava. The layout of the refinery is shown on the sketch below:



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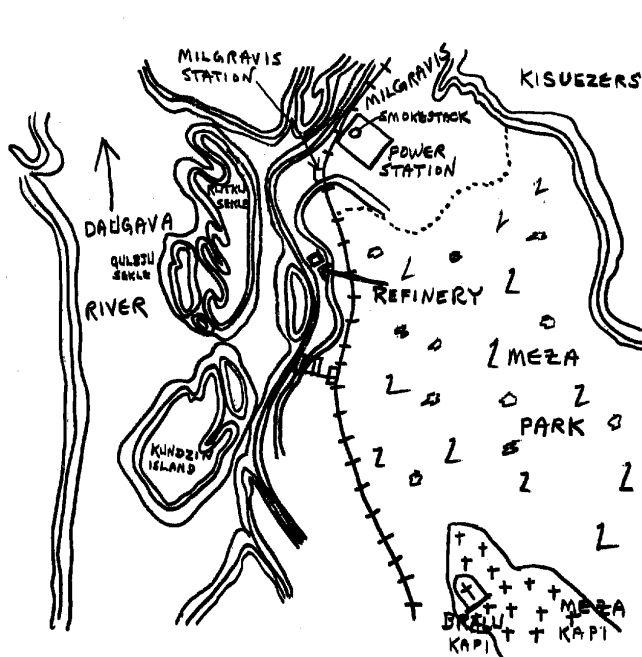
- 1, 2, 3. Large stone buildings, about 30 x 15m each. Production shops.
4. Stone building, 5m high, 20 x 15m in area, containing five boilers for the regeneration of used oil.
5. Five oil tanks for refined oil, having a capacity of about 20,000 liters each. Oil pipe with pump (marked "P") used for filling tank cars.
6. Small, single-story house used by the administration.
7. Branch line from the Riga-Milgravis section, bifurcating within the refinery area.

Electric Power Station

2. The station is located in the north part of Riga, about 250 meters northeast of Milgravis Railroad Station, as shown on attached sketch.

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very extensive building operations had been carried out there in 1949 by some 2000 German PWs, Soviet convicts, and Latvians, working in day and night shifts. On the northwest side of the power station there is a 20m-high smokestack next to a boilerhouse. The smokestack can be seen from a long way off.

Map of North Riga

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